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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUDIO TAPE OF PRESIDENT MARCOS' REMARKS
AT BATAAN CEREMONY REVEALS A) HE WENT CONSIDERABLY FURTHER
IN REMARKS ON RELATIONSHIP OF PRC OIL DELIVERY AND SITUATION
IN SOUTH THAN REPORTED IN PRESS AND B) HE APPEARED TO LINK
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NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC WITH END OF NPA THREAT

IN LUZON. WHEREAS REMARKS ON SOUTH APPEAR PRIMARILY FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION, REMARKS ON NORTH APPEAR TO BE DELIBERATE RENEWAL OF PHILIPPINE INTEREST IN ASSURANCES AGAINST FURTHER PRC INTERVENTION IN PHILIPPINES. END SUMMARY.

2. REVIEW OF AUDIO TAPE OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IN BATAAN OCT. 14 (REFTEL) INDICATES HE WENT MUCH FURTHER THAN CONTROLLED PRESS REPORTED IN LINKING DEVELOPMENTS IN PHIL-PRC RELATIONSHIP AND PHIL. INTERNAL PROBLEMS. ON SECESSION MOVEMENT IN MINDANAO AND SULU, PRESIDENT CLAIMED OIL DELIVERY UNSHACKLED OPERATIONS IN SOUTH FROM "SANCTIONS AND VARIOUS FACTORS" WHICH PREVENTED "ALL OUT SOLUTION" TO PROBLEM THERE.

3. ON INTERNAL SUBVERSION IN NORTHERN LUZON, ESPECIALLY IN WHAT MARCOS TERMED "HIS PART OF THE COUNTRY", PRESIDENT GAVE ACCOUNT OF RECENT SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS (OPERATION SEA HAWK) TO PREVENT REPETITION OF 1972 KARAGATAN ARMS DELIVERY. (PRC INVOLVEMENT SUSPECTED IN BOTH OPERATIONS). MARCOS WAS EFFUSIVE IN PRAISE OF MILITARY, CONSTABULARY AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES FOR PREVENTING ARMS DELIVERY. PRESIDENT IMPLIED THAT NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC WOULD MAKE REPETITION OF SUCH EVENT IMPOSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: WE VIEW HAWKISH TWIST OF MARCOS' REMARKS ON MUSLIM SITUATION PRIMARILY AS PEP TALK FOR PHIL. MILITARY. AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, MARCOS VERY MUCH AWARE OF HIS DEPENDENCE ON MID-EAST OIL AND NECESSITY TO FIND PEACEFUL NOT "ALL OUT" SOLUTION TO MUSLIM SECESSIONIST PROBLEM. REMARKS ON INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEM IN NORTH MAY BE ADDRESSED TO MILITARY AS WELL. WE ARE INCLINED, HOWEVER, TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT IS ALSO VERY DELIBERATELY RENEWING SIGNAL TO PRC FLOATED PRIOR TO MRS. MARCOS' TRIP THAT PHILIPPINES DESIRES SPECIFIC ASSURANCES FROM PRC AGAINST FURTHER ADVENTURES IN PHILIPPINES BEFORE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS CAN BE CONCLUDED. PRIMITIVO MIJARES HAS SURFACED ESSENTIALLY SAME LINE IN DAILY EXPRESS IN PAST FEW DAYS. PRESUMABLY GOP WILL PRESS THIS LINE WITH PEKING IN COURSE OF VISIT OF UPCOMING PHILIPPINE MISSION.

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